



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re: the Application of: Kenichi KIMURA, et al.

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: February 4, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 4, 2002, extended to February 4, 2003 by a one month Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 22 with the following:

However, in the case of a printer structured such that the platen to which the thermal head is pressed to contact through the printable sheet and the thermal transfer ribbon (only the printable sheet when it is thermal paper), as described above, is rotated by turning effort applied from the driving power source, there often occurs a problem depending on the kind of printable sheet in use.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 1 with the following:

Such a problem occurs, for example, when a printable sheet 68 is used which is in a form of double film, made by folding a film into two of a film 68a and a film 68b, folded at one edge side